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Did CIA Chief Dulles Brief Kennedy on Cuba?

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Old enemies never die. They merely refurbish their rusty weapons. And since Richard Nixon has been so well endowed with implacable critics, his new book, "Six Crises," has been combed for errors. One of these critics is apparently in the White House, for there was issued from that source a denial that when Candidate Kennedy stated in the 1960 campaign that action should be taken to overthrow Castro, he knew that preparations for such a revolt were already under way under the direction of the Central Intelligence Agency.

The issue raised here between Nixon and President Kennedy involves not only a grave matter of national policy but of fairness and responsibility in campaigning for the Presidency. This matter also had a very significant bearing on the outcome of the campaign.

On Sept. 22, 1960, Mr. Kennedy gave an exclusive statement to the Scripps Howard newspapers, saying, "The forces

because he was known to have been a factor in the administration's stand with regard to Cuba."

All he could do was to charge Mr. Kennedy with recklessness. Thus it was at a most disadvantageous time he made him appear to be "soft" on Castro and the Communists.

All this is revealed in



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his book. Then the White House on March 20, 1962, issued a statement that Mr. Kennedy did not know about the Cuban preparations when he made his statements in 1960. And Alton Dulles chimed in with a statement that there had been a "misunderstanding."

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